So, you've decided to join the thousands of users on NookBay.com! Congratulations! But how exactly does NookBay work? And how do you use it? Well, right now I will tell you everything there is to know about NookBay.com and even if you've used it before, you may find out something new!

What is NookBay?

NookBay, is exactly the same thing as eBay, except we bid on items from Animal Crossing: Wild World and our currency is counted in bells. You complete purchases you make by using the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection, so if you do not have access to Nintendo WFC on a regular basis, this site may not work out too well for you as of now.

How do I connect to Nintendo WFC?

There are two ways to connect to Nintendo WFC: A router or a Nintendo USB Adapter. Either way, you will need a broadband connection. I personally would recommend a router, and the routers best supported on Nintendo WFC are made by Linksys. To find out more about routers working with Nintendo WFC go to NintendoWiFi.com, or to buy a Linksys Router go to Linksys.com

A Nintendo USB Adapter costs about the same as a router, except a router also gets more done, the only plus side to a USB Adapter, in my opinion would be that the initial setup process is far easier. But if you would still like to get a USB Adapter, you can buy one from store.nintendo.com, since that is currently the only place they are being sold. They must be bought online.

After you have setup your router/USB Adapter go into the game, and when you attempt to connect to Nintendo WFC, you will get a friend code, you will need this code to participate in NookBay.com, for it is what you use to connect with specific players.

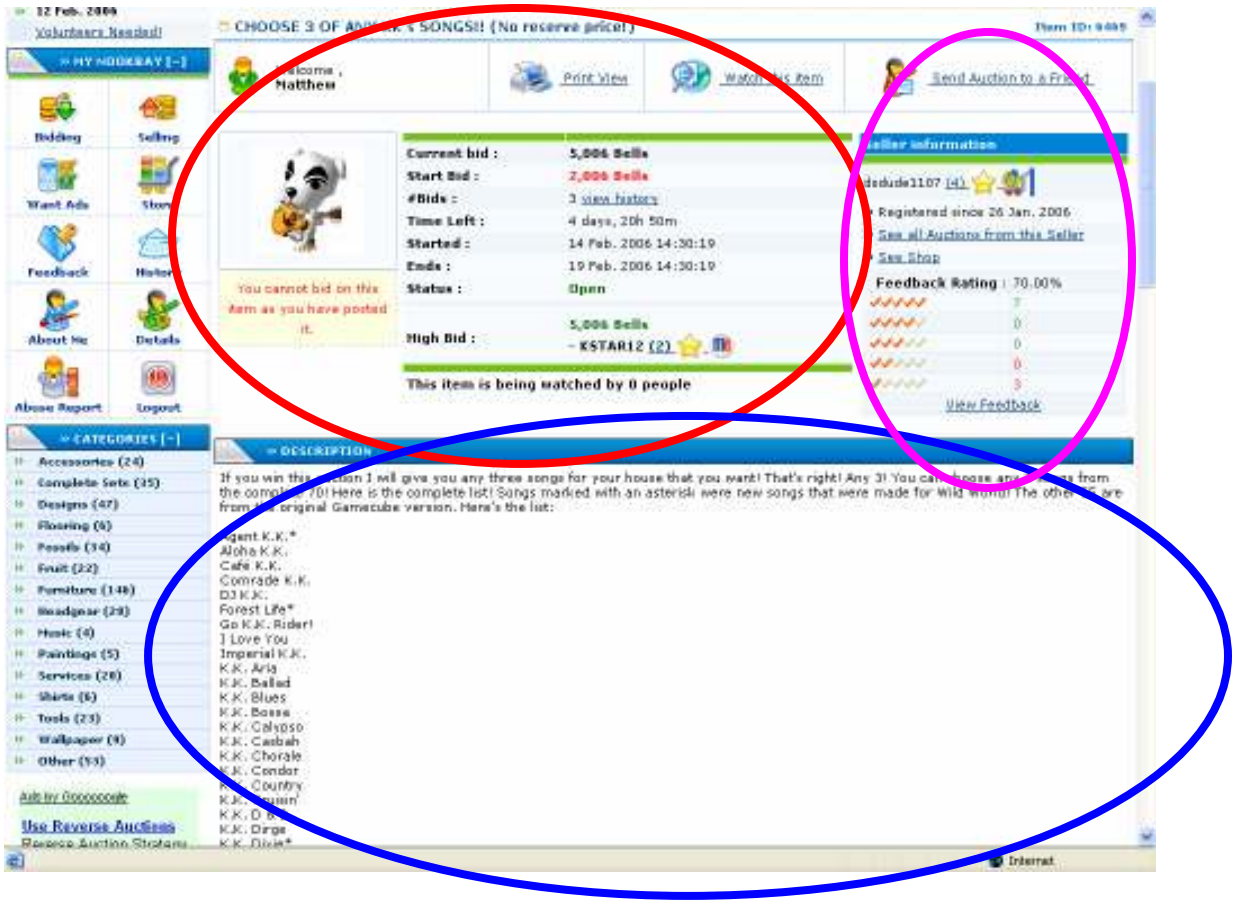
How do I use NookBay?

NookBay.com is pretty easy to learn, but in case you are having trouble, or want to learn new ways to go through it easier, than this section will help. First, register for NookBay on the login page, remember you will need your Animal Crossing: Wild World friend code to register.

How do I bid?

First, you must find an auction To do this, use the search on the top of your screen to find an item you are looking for. Or you can look through a list of newly listed, popular, and auctions close to ending on the NookBay.com homepage, along with newly posted want ads, but I will explain those later.

Once you are on auction's page, you will see a screen similar to this:

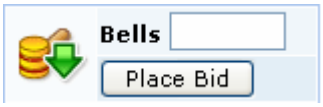


The area circled in red shows the bidding information on the auction, including, how much time there is left to bid, the current bid, the first bid, how many bids there are (by clicking bid history you can see who made each bid, unless it is a private auction), when the auction was started, when it ends, how many people are watching this item (I will also discuss this later) and who has the highest bid. Sometimes, the seller of the item might also put up a picture of it, in this area.

The area circled in blue shows the item description. The item description, is just that. It's how the seller is describing the item they are selling. What else can be put here will be covered when I discuss how to sell items on NookBay.

The area circled in magenta shows the seller's information, including when they first began using NookBay, a link showing the other auctions they have open, a link to either they're profile or shop (which I will discuss further when I talk about selling items), and their ratings. These are the comments that people, who bought things from this buyer had to say about the purchasing process. Keep in mind, that some ratings may have been released through misunderstandings, so if you are curious or leerly because of a rating, contact the buyer, via PM through the forums, or e-mail if they give out, in their item description.

Underneath where the picture is, on the auction information there is box, that looks like this:



On the picture above, you cannot see it, since it is my auction, but in this box, is where you put in your bid on the item. Your bid is how much you are willing to pay for it. You can make a higher bid, or retract your current bid at any time, but remember if you forget to retract it, and win the bid, you must pay the price it was sold for, or you may be banned from using NookBay.com

Of course, to place a bid, enter in that box and hit "place bid", and it will take you to a screen the basically says that you are responsible for your bid. If you agree, your bid will be placed successfully. Everytime someone else tries to bid on this item you will be e-mailed, so that there will be less a chance of you being outbid.

Once you win a bid, you and the seller of the item will receive an e-mail revealing your information to each other. This information includes: Your NookBay username, your Animal Crossing: Wild World username, town name, friend code, and your e-mail address. You can also look up this information at the URL below:

(If you have Adobe Acrobat Reader 7, or higher, you can click the URL)
http://nookbay.com/s-contactinfo.php

On this page, it will show the same info you have received in the e-mail, from all the auctions you have won. It will also display the stats of the auction, but keep in mind that most NookBay users never update their stats, because many don't know this page exists, so don't freak out, if it says, you never paid yet.

That's all I have time to tell you this time! I will update this with more information next time I get the chance! Remember, as of now, this is an incomplete tutorial.